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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [redacted]
 TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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25X1 EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT 18 July to 9 August 1953

25X1 DATE OBTAIN [redacted] DATE PREPARED 1 September 1953

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REMARKS [redacted]

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1. The following aircraft and air activity were observed at Merseburg airfield between 18 July and 8 August 1953:

18 July. At about 2 p.m., 8 single-engine aircraft, probably Yak-11s, landed at the field. No other air activity was observed. There was a 10/10 overcast.

19 July. There was no air activity although the visibility was good and the ceiling closed.

20 July. The aircraft which had landed on 18 July made individual flights between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. There was a closed ceiling.

21 July. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., individual flights were conducted by MiG-15 or IL-MiG-15s and single-engine aircraft. [redacted]

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[redacted] Between 8:15 p.m. and 3 a.m., night flying was practiced.

22 July. Formation flying was practiced at an altitude of 8,000 meters throughout the day.

23 July. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., flying was practiced in formations of two and four. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 600 meters.

24 July. Individual flights were made between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. There were no clouds.

25 July. Between 8 a.m. and 5:20 p.m., swept-back jet fighters, [redacted] practiced flying in formations of four and eight for 55 to 60 minutes duration each.

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26 July. No air activity was observed. There was good visibility and cloudless weather.

27 July. Throughout the day, a few flights were made. The sky was 2/10 overcast. Night flying was practiced between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

28 July. Little air activity was observed throughout the day.

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There was a 3/10 overcast and good visibility. There was air activity between 8:15 p.m. and 4 a.m.

29 July. Between noon and 7 p.m., formations of 8 aircraft practiced diving. The MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s formed a large circle in which the aircraft winged over one after the other and subsequently climbed again.

30 July. Between 11 a.m. and 12:20 p.m., individual flights were made by aircraft [redacted]. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 500 meters. Individual night flights were made between 7:40 p.m. and midnight. 25X1C

31 July. Throughout the day, there was formation flying by aircraft [redacted]. There were no clouds and good visibility. Night flights were practiced between 7:30 p.m. and 10:10 p.m. 25X1C

1 August. There was a 5/10 overcast. No air activity was observed.

2 to 9 August. There was air activity except on 7 August. 25X1C
Aircraft [redacted] were observed on 6 August. A total of 33 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field on 8 August.

2. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included sedan [redacted] with drivers [redacted] wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. [redacted] 25X1C
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25X1A [redacted] Comment. Marseburg airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and a subordinate fighter regiment. The 25X1C
25X1C aircraft [redacted] were previously observed from Marseburg.

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